

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING AND INVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 29, 2009*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 3854) to amend the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to improve programs providing access to capital under such Acts, and for other purposes:

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3854 "The Small Business Financing and Investment Act" which will help support our small businesses and hasten our economic recovery. As we all know, small businesses are the backbone of our economy. More than half of all Americans work at or own a small business. Small businesses have been responsible for most of the new jobs created in this country. Anyone who talks about getting our economy on track and does not talk about what we need to do for small business is missing a huge piece of the puzzle.

I firmly support H.R. 3854 because, among other things, it channels investment capital into small business start-ups through public private partnerships, makes microloans more affordable for budding entrepreneurs, and reduces fees for lending programs to help more small businesses afford to raise the capital they need to succeed. Equally important, the legislation will provide much needed assistance to entrepreneurs and communities that need it most by expanding equity investment to low income communities and helping rural and veteran-owned businesses obtain loans.

Mr. Chair, H.R. 3854 all told the bill is expected to support about \$44 billion in small business lending annually, which will help to create or save approximately 1.5 million jobs each year. For our economy to recover and continue to grow, it needs to create jobs for persons seeking work. This legislation will create jobs and thus is worthy of our support. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in voting for H.R. 3854.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2009*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, on November 2, 2009, I was unavoidably unable to cast my votes for rollcall 832, rollcall 833 and rollcall 834. My flight to Washington was delayed due to mechanical difficulties. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2009*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on the following legislative measures on November 2, 2009. If I were present for rollcall votes, I would have voted "yea" on each of the following:

Roll 832, November 2, 2009: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended: H.R. 1168, Veterans Retraining Act of 2009.

Roll 833, November 2, 2009: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree: H. Res. 291, Recognizing the crucial role of assistance dogs in helping wounded veterans live more independent lives, expressing gratitude to The Tower of Hope, and supporting the goals and ideals of creating a Tower of Hope Day.

Roll 834, November 2, 2009: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass: S. 509, To authorize a major medical facility project at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Walla Walla, Washington, and for other purposes.

## HONORING THE WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM FOR ACHIEVING ACCREDITATION BY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS

**HON. BILL CASSIDY**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2009*

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the West Baton Rouge Museum, located in the City of Port Allen in Louisiana's Sixth Congressional District. It gives me great pleasure to announce that as of August 7th, 2009, the museum has achieved national accreditation by the American Association of Museums, becoming only the 11th museum in Louisiana and the 77th out of the more than 17,000 museums throughout the nation to achieve this distinguished accreditation.

The West Baton Rouge Museum has successfully demonstrated that it meets the high standards established by the accreditation program and the museum field. It has done this through its completion of a rigorous process of self-study and reviews by a visiting committee of its peers and the Accreditation Commission. The accreditation process certifies a museum's commitment to excellence and professional standards of operation.

The West Baton Rouge Museum is a regional history museum that was established in 1968. Through the hard work and persistent efforts of its curators, benefactors, and other supporters, it has grown to include a four-acre campus that offers six historic buildings and an 11,000-square-foot main museum building. It has become a staple of the local community and an invaluable resource to showcase the

culture, art, and history of the region. With this accreditation, I can only hope that the Museum's next forty years will be even more successful than it's first.

## TRIBUTE TO SARAH ROSE FRANA

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2009*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sarah Rose Frana from Ridgeway, Iowa for her commitment and enthusiasm as a foreign language student at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

Sarah has been selected for a United States Department of State Critical Language Scholarship to study the Arabic language in Amman, Jordan. This Department of State program is an important component of the federal government's coordinated effort to expand the number of Americans learning foreign languages.

I consider it a great honor to represent Sarah Rose Frana in the United States Congress, and I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating her on earning this special scholarship. I wish Sarah great success in the program, her travel and in her future endeavors.

## HONORING NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE SENATE

SPEECH OF

**HON. PAUL W. HODES**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2009*

Mr. HODES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the legislation I introduced, House Resolution 159. My resolution honors the New Hampshire State Senate for becoming the first statewide legislative body with a majority of women in the United States. New Hampshire has a proud tradition of being a first-in-the-nation State, and with this historic achievement, the Granite State continues to lead the way in providing equal opportunity for everyone. I am proud to represent the great State of New Hampshire, which today shines as an example for the entire country.

I want to recognize all 13 women who are currently serving in the New Hampshire State Senate. They are the Honorable Sharon Carson, Jacalyn Cilley, Martha Fuller Clark, Betsy DeVries, Peggy Gilmour, Margaret Hassan, Molly Kelly, Sylvia Larsen, Bette Lasky, Amanda Merrill, Deborah Reynolds, Sheila Roberge, and Kathleen Sgambati. These leaders comprise the majority female body of the New Hampshire State Senate and were elected to office on November 4, 2008, and sworn in on December 3, 2008.

I would also like to recognize the following women, who played critical roles in the history of New Hampshire government:

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